

MASONIC ITEMS.

R. W. Bro. J. G. Burns, D.D. G.M. Toronto District, will hold a Lodge of Instruction on the 20th prox., in the Masonic Hall, Toronto.

THE TRIENNIAL BADGE.—We are in receipt of the beautiful triennial badge prepared by Messrs. Lilley & Co., Columbus, Ohio, for the Sir Knights attending the Grand Encampment at San Francisco. This firm certainly gets up the best and cheapest Masonic and Templar regalia and jewelry on this continent, and their prompt attention to orders makes them an agreeable house to deal with. Orders left for charts, regalia, etc., with Bro. J. B. Traves, Port Hope, or Bro. R. Ramsay, Orillia, will be promptly attended to.

The *London Freemason* publishes the following, and as Bro. Binckes has always been regarded by Canadians as a straightforward, honorable, and painstaking member of the Fraternity, we sincerely trust there is something in the communication:—

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF QUEBEC AND
GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS
OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I shall be obliged by your finding space in your next issue for a request that you and your readers will suspend judgment on any question at issue between the two bodies as above. Surely, where the real spirit of Freemasonry prevails means of adjustment of any differences which do exist, or may be supposed to exist, can readily be found.—I am, dear sir and brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES,
P.G.W., Grand Sec., G.L.M.M.M.

SOVEREIGN SANCTUARY.—We regret that our columns are so overcrowded this month that we are unable to give a *resumé* of the able address of M. W. Bro. Robert Ramsay, Subst. Grand Master General of this exalted rite of Masonry. Many parts of it are well worthy of perusal and careful study. Dr. Ramsay's efforts on behalf of this Rite are well known, and his success in establishing a Rose Croix Chapter

composed of the most prominent Masons in Sydney, New South Wales, redounds greatly to his credit. We propose to give full particulars of the same in our next issue, and in the meantime congratulate R. W. Bro. R. P. Negas, Prov. Grand Master for Australia, upon his success in organizing Oriental Rose Croix Chapter, No. 1, G.R.N.S.W., and upon his success in securing the best material in the province. Dep. Grand Master Manning, the M. W., may well feel proud of his Chapter.

We highly commend the following and suggest that every Masonic Grand Body in Canada will follow it.—

"GRAND LODGE OF COLORADO.—This Body at its annual communication, held at Georgetown, in that State, on the 18th and 19th of September last, adopted the following resolution calling for a more careful scrutiny of applicants for the degrees of Masonry:—

"Resolved, That it is hereby made the duty of committees on character of applicants for initiation to report upon each of the following named points, and the Grand Secretary is hereby instructed to send a certified printed copy of this resolution to each lodge in this jurisdiction within the next thirty days. 1. What is his age? 2. Is he married or single? 3. If married, is he living with his wife? 4. What is his occupation and where is he employed? 5. Is he physically qualified for admission. 6. What is the character of his company and associates? 7. Is he addicted to the intemperate use of intoxicating liquor? 8. Does he gamble? 9. Does he habitually use profane or indecent language? 10. Has he licentious or immoral habits? 11. Is he a law abiding citizen? 12. Does he possess sufficient education and intelligence to understand and value the doctrines and tenets of Masonry? 13. Has he ever made previous application for the degrees? and if so, where? Committees should also report any other facts of value to the lodge in arriving at a correct conclusion.